

Subject: COCO Winners | Christmas in July | Green Gully | Volunteers Goodie Bag

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Presidents Report

Hi everyone, just as I thought, May turned out to be a huge month for me with multiple meetings. Firstly I have to thank everyone for a great time at COCO held at Mudgee - what a fantastic weekend. The event is starting to find its place in the calendar as a annual event so look for it next year as it is getting better every year. It was great having a new sponsor on board with West Sydney 4X4 and having them attend added to the fun.

Next, I had a meeting with the Vehicle Standards Working Group that Transport for NSW hold, there are lots of things about individual constructed vehicles. The main issue for us is the removal of the rear seats to install draws or just for extra room. There are really no rules around this so it is considered the same as putting the seats down in a station wagon, it is fine to do it as long as the seat belts are not touched and any bolts are put back to plug the holes. If the vehicle is sold, the seats should be supplied with the sale.

Finally, I had a meeting with the Ministers Advisory Committee for Parks and Heritage, this was held at Narooma on the South Coast and included an inspection of Montague Island. It is an amazing place with Parks doing a great job in rehabilitating the area for the nesting birdlife. The only down side is the way the new proposed plan of management wants to restrict the daily numbers visiting the island which will probably make it unviable for the operators to continue. The other disappointing part of the meeting was that the local director could not be present as he had to attend a hearing on the horse culling in Kosciuszko.

One other thing, I was asked about the new proposed plan of management of Lake Ayer and the banning of visitors without guides. Like all proposed plans we can put in submissions and I strongly advise that we all do this, they are using safety as the main reason without any numbers to back it up. I cannot find any past instances where this has been a problem, so it looks like they are making it up. Here is a link with all the info on the proposal and how to have a say.

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/kati-thanda-lake-eyre-national-park>

That's all for this month and I look forward to catching up with members on my travels,

Cheers.

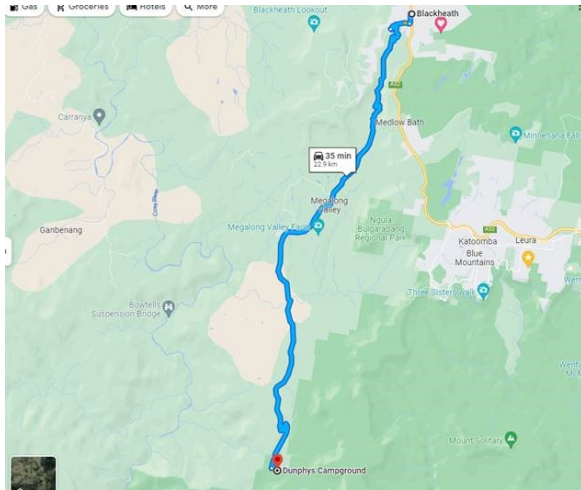
Craig Thomas

President

GREEN GULLY PROJECT 27th - 28th JULY 2024 - **CONFIRMED - Book Now Limited spaces available**

NPWS would like to invite the 4WD NSW Association members to participate in a working bee at Green Gully in the Blue Mountains National Park at Megalong Valley.

We are looking for 20 volunteers to assist with this project (Multiple vehicle can enter the area and assist with project but they are offering 5 vehicles, 4x people per car, to be able to take a tour inside the catchment area. Tools will be provided but attendees will need to be "self sufficient" (ie food/drink etc). There will be no tree planting - just demolition work (fences etc). It will be good to get a couple of members from each club.



Kind Regards
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TEDDY BEAR'S TOY DONATION run - Black Diamond 4WD Club

Back in March 2024 the much-loved Teddy Bear's picnic was again run by Shane Jones, AKA Bear.

His trips are set for a cruisy day with a sausage sizzle thrown in. Adding to the fun he has a condition that you must have a Teddy bear on display for the trip.

This time he added an extra condition, everyone on the trip was to donate a soft toy.

To make up the numbers of a donation he also asked the rest of the club if they would like to donate as well.

The response from this was overwhelming





Pictured: John Poulton, Anne Poulton, Emma Stevens (Paramedic), Nathan O'Brien (Inspector), Darren James (Paramedic), Wes Hurt, Tony Annable.

47 soft cuddly toys were donated by the members which ranged from dogs, ducks, bears, lions, panda, rabbits, spiderman, elephant & a koala.

These toys were then donated to one of our own local NSW Ambulance stations at Oak Flats to help comfort poor sick kiddies that have the misfortune of having to take a ride in an ambulance.

The toys were finally donated in May when the Black Diamond team meet with an ambulance crew and inspector at Oak Flats ambulance station to present them with the collection of stuffed animals.

Nathan, Emma & James were over the moon to receive such a generous donation and were floored that people would go out of their way to do such a thing.

Nathan said when asked what this donation meant to them. "These toys would go a long way to help get the kids to trust us and calm them down enough so we can get them transported to hospital"

Illawarra Mercury and NSW Ambulance Media was also there on the day to cover the story.

A great big thank you to all Black Diamond members that contributed to this great cause.

You have helped to put a smile on a lot of kids faces.



See all the photos on the benefits website [HERE](#)

OVERALL WINNERS

1st - **Mandy Obrien** - Port Macquarie

2nd - **Rollanda Rosenstrauß** - Nissan

3rd - **Kelly Thomas** - Triple Diamond



LUNCH

1st - **Mandy Obrien** - Port Macquarie

2nd - **Pete Robinson** - Central Coast

3rd - **Phil Hamilton** - Port Hunter

AFTERNOON TEA

1st - **Rollanda Rosenstraus** - Nissan

2nd - **Mandy Obrien** - Port Macquarie

3rd - **Kelly Thomas** - Triple Diamond

TRIVIA WINNERS

1st - Diamonds in the Rough

2nd - Smarties & Goon bags

3rd - Water Far Cups

A big THANK YOU to:

Mudgee 4WD Club who tended the fires for us and made the Cook Off possible.

John Beard and John Hurcum for their help onsite.

Steve & Rollanda Rosenstraus for their clever questions and witty presentation of Trivia.

West Sydney 4x4 for their sponsorship of the event and judging the Cook Off entries for us.

Everyone that helped on the weekend



Christmas in July with Tamworth 4WD Club - other clubs are welcome to join in the fun.



The clubs annual social and fun weekend being Christmas in July, is on once again at Wallabadah, over the weekend of the 26-28th July.

Location: 'Springvale' 100 John Street, Wallabadah.

Around 480 acres with some 10 kilometers of 4wd easy to hard tracks.

Beaut lookout with 300 degree views overlooking Quirindi and Wallabadah towns.

Nice camp grounds, large camp shelter, bon fire is built, the ladies toilet has been

rebuilt, and new shower block is under construction.

So make the effort and come along for a great social and fun packed weekend. Come for the day or the weekend. Raffles and prizes. Fun and games. Travel ramp, hill climb and 4wd funkhana Sunday morning. There is even water in the creek at the moment. Three course feed on the Saturday night, costings \$18 adults and about \$10 per child . RSVP is around the 17th July to dave.maunder@gmail.com

Other 4wd clubs more than welcomed to come along. (Lets hope that there isn't much more rain. It's wet enough as it is.)

Adventure Show Eastern Creek

September 6th 7th and 8th 2024

Put it on your trip calendar now and start your plans for a Club or Region stand.

Free Club or Region stand - Booking portal is **OPEN** to register www.4wdnow.com - log in required

Volunteer portal is **OPEN** to register www.4wdnow.com - no log in required

2024 Volunteers Wanted



+ Lunch

+ Sticker

+ Thank you dinner Saturday Night

+ FREE ENTRY ON THE DAY

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th September

Sign Up now for a 2 hour shift helping at your show

<https://4wdnow.com/pages/4wd-adventure-show-1>

These flyers can be added to your newsletter, website or Facebook page

A4 | A5 | Facebook size - download them [HERE](#)

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is currently exhibiting a draft amendment to the Ben Boyd National Park and Bell Bird Creek Nature Reserve Plan of Management.

[The parks are in the South Coast Region of New South Wales. Key issues addressed in the draft amendment include:](#)

- Enabling the establishment of a walk-in campsite at Hegartys Bay
- Amending the name 'Ben Boyd National Park' to 'Beowa National Park' throughout the plan, a change that was gazetted in September 2022.

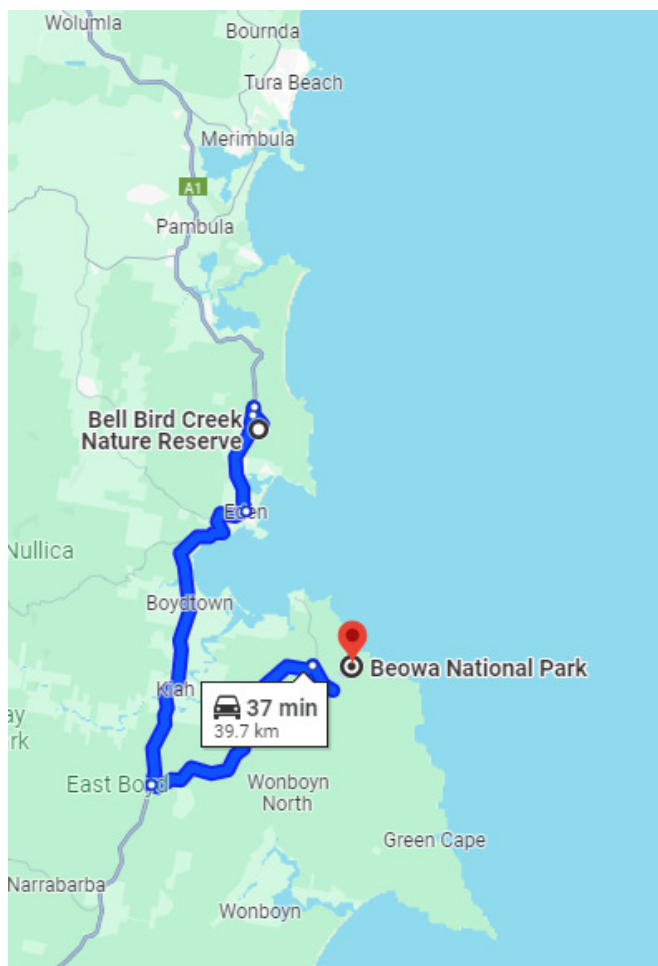
The draft amendment can be viewed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say or NPWS Merimbula Office, Cnr Sapphire Coast Road and Merimbula Drive, Merimbula.

[You are invited to provide feedback on the draft amendment by sending a written submission via:](#)

- the online submission form at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say
- email to npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au
- post to Manager, NPWS Planning and Assessment, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta 2124.

Written submissions must be received by 5 July 2024. Your submission will be provided to NPWS advisory bodies. See www.environment.nsw.gov.au/help/privacy.htm for information on how we will treat any personal information you provide.

If you have any questions about the park or the draft amendment, please contact me at npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au.



Barry Hayden
Manager Planning & Assessment
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service



JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....



Red Cross First Aid Course

I have had a few inquiries about another Sydney Course for members.

If you or your club are interested please email office@4wdnow.com

We need 20 participants to run the course.



Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?

You are welcome to use the Association account.

Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.

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This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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